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SUBJ: OUTSTANDING TRADE MISSION BILL, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
TRADE MISSION

REF: BEIRUT 7897, MANAMA 482

1. MISSION TREASURER, WALTER EDGINGTON ADVISES THAT TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION SUBJECT BILL WAS PAID. EDGINGTON STATES HE RECALLS DISTINCTLY CONVERTING TRAVELERS CHECKS TO LOCAL CURRENCY. HE ALSO SEEMS TO RECALL HANDING ENVELOPE WITH CASH TO HOTEL CASHIER BUT AS HE WAS ENGAGED IN SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS MAY HAVE ASKED BANK TELLER TO PASS FUNDS TO CASH. CONFUSION TAKING PLACE IN HOTEL LOBBY MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO RECALL TRANSACTION IN EVERY DETAIL.

2. NEVERTHELESS, EDGINGTON STATES THAT HE DID RECALL CASHING TRAVELERS CHECKS AND DID NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF LOCAL CURRENCY ON HIS PERSON UPON HIS DEPARTURE BAHRAIN.

3. EDGINGTON ADVISES THAT HE PERSONALLY HANDED RECEIPTS FOR ALL TRANSACTIONS TO MISSION DIRECTOR AND THAT THESE INCLUDING RECEIPT
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FOR HOTEL BILL SHOULD BE IN LEFEAVER'S FILE. THIS INFORMATION

RELAYED AL ALEXANDER DURING PHONE CONVERSATION MONDAY, AUG. 13.

4. EDGINGTON WISHES TO BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY WHETHER OR NOT RECEIPTS CAN BE FOUND. IF NOT HE WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RECTIFY SITUATION.

5. AMEMBASSY BAHRAIN REQUESTED ADVISE MANAGEMENT GULF HOTEL APPROPRIATE ACTION BEING TAKEN TO EFFECT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.

6 FOR BEIRUT: MISSION DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE MISSION, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVED. STILL AWAITING REPORT OF HOSPITAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION.

7. N.S. COMMERCE ADVISED KDT THAT TOUKHANIAN'S CHECK RETURNED FROM INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. KDT AND TOUKHANIAN ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO RECTIFY SITUATION AND THAT COMMERCE WOULD BE SO ADVISED. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED PROOF OF RESTITUTION. PLEASE CHECK WITH BANK AND ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF BANK RECEIVED PAYMENT. RUSH

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